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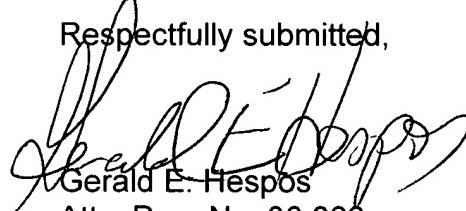
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This Information Disclosure Statement includes a copy of Form PTO-1449 that identifies two U.S. patents. The relevancy of U.S. Patent No. 6,464,544 is described in paragraphs 0002-0005 of the subject application. The other U.S. patent relates to a similar state-of-the-art. The Examiner is requested to consider these references during the examination and to make the references of record.

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